

was used to measure the extent of his riches : she was worshipped in Egypt even by the Hebrews under Sinai : she is worshipped in India and traces of this cult may be discovered in Europe. Could not the forces of Nature be domesticated also ? Fire was tamed by some remarkable genius whom some nations have deified and all should revere. The sun the rain the winds of heaven could at least be conciliated by worship. With the increase of population wars arose and the victorious leader or a foreign conqueror was remembered with the honours of a supernatural hero. Around these definite conceptions of divinity there upgrew a tangle of dreads and beliefs—erroneous connections of cause and effect—which darkened the mind with the degrading superstitions of fetishism and magic. Yet we must remember that from these fantastic imaginings this visionary logic have been distilled religions of spiritual faith and moral endeavour and that from them are descended our modern ideas of art and ethics.

In the quest for causes our reasoning instinct has taken the lead but it has been closely attended by our other instincts which have at some times prompted its suggestions and have at all times commended or opposed the ideas. Thus the visionary or practical to which it has pointed. Thus the institution of slavery which was declared by reason to be a means of securing comfort and

leisure. was confidently approved by
the selfish
instinct. the social instinct firmly
consolidated
the respect for the family which co-
ordinated its
efforts in the chase or in war. The
reproductive
instinct confirmed polygamy, and
might infuse
into religion conceptions which actually
idealized
the obscene : the provident instinct
sweetened
the industry which reason dictated as
the means